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DECLINE IN EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES DUE TO APPRECIATION OF RUPEE
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Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the employment opportunities are on the decline during the last three years due to the appreciation of rupee as against the dollar;

(b) if so, whether the Government has conducted any study in this regard;

(c) if so, the outcome thereof along with the estimated decline in employment opportunities in the country during the said period, sector-wise; and

(d) the details of sectors where the said decline taken place?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES)

(a) & (b): Estimates of employment and unemployment are obtained through quinquennial labour force surveys conducted by National Sample Survey Organisation. Last such survey was conducted during 2004-05. As per last two quinquennial rounds of National Sample Survey Organisation (NSSO) on employment and unemployment, employment opportunities on usual status basis have increased from 397 million in 1999-2000 to 459.1 million in 2004-05. No study has been conducted by the Ministry of Labour & Employment to assess the impact of appreciation of rupee against dollar.

(c) & (d): Do not arise.